

Medical Student Council Meeting
Thursday, **December 10th** at 6:00 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom
Minutes



Attendance: Alexandra Greenberg, Sejal Shah, Alice Herchek, Alexis Roth, Hamza Khilji, Alfonso Kaetta, Lulu Wei, Leon Kamen, Priscilla Varghese, David Choueka, Srishty Amarnani, Jonathan eon, Elaine Fletcher, Alana Engelbrecht, April Kessler, Ian Winthrop, Aaron Conway, Aaron Huang, Adriana Kavoussi, Dan Kwon, Jack Nasar, Kingsley Cruickshank

Minutes recorded by Alexandra Greenberg.

Sejal Shah presiding over meeting. Alexandra is scribing the minutes.

New Business

1. Student Faculty Show
 - a. Brought up last meeting, circling back. What would it look like? Safety precautions for filming, move it back date-wise?
 - b. Postpone discussion of how and group can stay on to discuss who are interested, concern is if we don't get it done by 3rd week of Jan then really have to push it back to April bc 2nd years will be in exams and then dedicated
 - c. ID date tomorrow with Skylar (Dean P) and then do videos wearing masks, decide format, either live watchparty, watch on zoom or put up on youtube first, can see what makes most sense logistically
2. Study space
 - a. Library 2nd floor
 - i. Many concerns recently regarding renovations, less space for studying, less comfortable set-up for studying
 - ii. Quick survey with 55 responses = 83% of people not satisfied with renovation, 80% felt desks too small, 53% concerned the space will become a social space, big takeaway = people spending less time now on 2nd floor than used to because it's not conducive to studying
 - iii. People like desk space and quiet study space, originally 220 spots to sit and now 110, COVID makes sense but more space will be helpful later when social distancing is not required
 - iv. Proposed solution? More desks? There is also a construction project in the works but will take time, not clear when it will get off the ground, people miss cubicles, don't want couches, perhaps move new furniture to

- another space to be the “social area”
 - v. Dean Putman and Dean Brunicardi will talk to people who run library to see best way to get the info to them, the reason this furniture was brought in was because people were using 4th and 5th floor of PHAB, push to get similar type of furniture for library, may have been an overcorrection
 - vi. Basement has 30 cubicles and rooms with big tables not being used
 - vii. Why don't we tour as a group to assess? Also can share renovations for library that will be happening soon
 - b. PHAB access and safety
 - i. Needs to be collective effort bc not just a med school space
 - ii. Police are not responsible for enforcing this but who can be responsible for “patrolling”?
 - iii. Create sense of personal responsibility...
 - iv. Carrels “open” but not supposed to be used later in day since cleaned between classes
 - v. Library hours now extended too so more space after 5 PM
 - vi. We can discuss this during “tour of study spaces” next week
 - vii. Maybe can change to having carrels open since surface transmission doesn't seem to be a big concern
- 3. Academic advising issues
 - a. Issue with getting meetings with advising
 - b. They won't share breakdown of units, month wait for most people, can we get this red tap undone to overcome this?
 - c. Get replacement for Robertson hopefully so more support and not having issues with students getting academic support
 - d. 50 counselors coming into this role from existing faculty so would mean they each have 8 students who they can meet with and be contacted by! Will be in person when possible, Dr. Lazar coordinating and hopefully rolling this out soon to help advise 1st and 2nd years
 - e. Issue of lack of clarity on resources available, especially class of 2024 feeling a bit lost in terms of what they can access
 - i. New page on website = kudos and concerns, students can share what they like and what they need/want
 - ii. Can make a TLDR/FAQ for key resources, including reporting mechanisms
 - f. Publicize one-on-one tutoring to incoming students as an available service they can ask for and are entitled to when in need of additional academic support
- 4. Email communications
 - a. COVID testing info missed by many students
 - i. Dean Putman already mentioned he got criticism it was too long
 - b. People appreciate new emails from Markell and co.
 - c. COVID website still needs to be cleaned up, that way can direct people to website and just share new info

Old Business

1. Class Updates

A. 2021

- Doing good, some concern about PPE, already discussed separately though
- Follow up with chairs to contact students to see how residency apps are going

B. 2022

- Doing well, halfway through clerkships, 10 weekers to 5 weeks and opp, PPE complaints still

C. 2023

- Lack of notice for clearance until 1 week before
 - Details very confusing, not consistent
 - Signed paperwork in last week to buy new medical records system for student health with automated updates on what is needed for students provided
 - Looking to find new space for students to be seen separately from employees
 - Dean B thanked student health, we should all thank them too, they were super helpful this week with a lot to do to get our clearance done on time
- Can we replace the third bedside session with an optional in-person session to get feedback on our clinical skills? - have students sign up for one-on-one with 3rd/4th years??
 - Should we talk to CS people?
 - Can see if a practice gateway is in the works, if not then would be great to have more informal near-peer sessions facilitated, maybe through meded team

D. 2024

- Most qs answered yesterday, just gearing up for summatives
- Patagonias coming next week!

Closed Meeting

I. Motioned by Jonathan Leong

II. Seconded by Elaine Fletcher

III. **Meeting is now closed.**

New Business

1. Approval of November Minutes

1. Motion to approve November minutes made by David Choueka
2. Seconded by Kingsley Cruickshank
 - i. Vote
 1. For - 21
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve November minutes

**Motion to end meeting by David Choueka
Seconded by Jonathan Leong
Meeting Closed at 7:49 PM**

Minutes were scribed by Alexandra Greenberg

Approved by Alexandra Greenberg - Medical Council Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Greenberg', written in a cursive style.